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Wyoming Crop Weather



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Week of April 5 – 12, 2010

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:

Cool and wet weather turned warm by the end of the week.

Spring field work progressing.

Wyoming experienced a springtime mix of weather with some cool wet weather early in the week followed by a warm-up. Planting and field work picked up as the temperature warmed up late in the week. The grass is beginning to green up but grazing prospects for the upcoming year will remain dependent on continued moisture. High temperatures ranged from 71 degrees to the mid 40s. Low temperatures ranged from 6 degrees to the mid 20s. Four days were suitable for field work. Topsoil moisture was at 86 percent adequate or better, even with last year and up 21 points from the 5-year average. Subsoil was recorded at 76 percent adequate or better, 19 points above 2009 and 33 percent above the average.

Topsoil	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Short	1	0	2	9
Short	13	14	12	26
Adequate	83	79	76	61
Surplus	3	7	10	4

CROP PROGRESS TABLE

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Barley Planted	51	51	38	50
Barley Emerged	2	0	2	6
Oats Planted	15	10	17	15

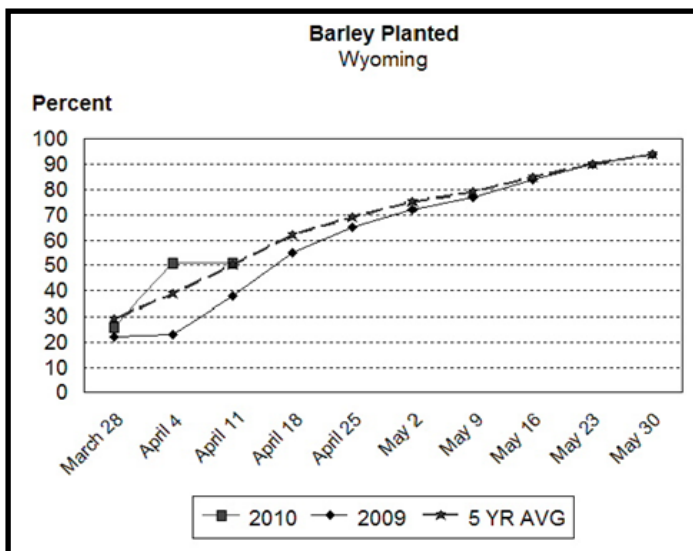
LIVESTOCK, PASTURE, AND RANGE REPORT: Spring calving was reported as 64 percent completed, 1 percent behind a year ago and 7 percent less than the 5-year average. Calf losses for the week were 28 percent light, 71 percent normal and 1 percent heavy. Sixty-three percent of the farm flock was reported as lambed, 2 and 10 points behind the previous year and the average respectively. As for the range flock, 27 percent were reported as lambed, 6 points above last year and 10 percent ahead of the average. Sixty-three percent of the farm flock was reported as shorn with the range flock following closely behind at 53 percent shorn. Lamb losses for the week were 25 percent light and 75 percent normal. Range and pasture conditions came in at 51 percent good or better, 6 points over the previous year and 22 points better than the average. Livestock condition was reported as 73 percent good or better. Stock water supplies were 92 percent adequate and 8 percent short.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS TABLE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Spring Calves Born	64	50	65	71
Farm Flock Ewes Lambed	63	49	65	73
Farm Flock Sheep Shorn	63	49	62	67
Range Flock Ewes Lambed	27	19	21	17
Range Flock Sheep Shorn	53	44	41	33

RANGE AND PASTURE

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
Very Poor	9	9	2	14
Poor	11	12	13	20
Fair	29	28	40	37
Good	49	49	36	26
Excellent	2	2	9	3



FIELD CROP REPORT: Winter wheat condition was reported at 91 percent good or better, up 36 points from 2009 and up 32 points from the multi-year average. Planting was reported at 51 percent complete for barley, and barley emerged was 2 percent, even with last year and 4 points below the five-year average. Oat planting came in at 15 percent complete. Oats emerged was 1 percent, 1 point above last year and even with the five-year average. Planting for spring wheat came in at 13 percent complete, up 2 points from the previous year and up 4 percent from the 5-year average. Crop insect infestation was reported at 86 percent none, and 14 percent light.

WEATHER SUMMARY: Temperatures during the week averaged below normal in 27 of the 33 reporting stations. Average temperatures ranged from 9 degrees below normal at Thayne to 3 degrees above normal at Cheyenne. The high temperature was 71 degrees at Wheatland with a low of 6 degrees at Thayne. Seventeen reporting stations received below normal precipitation for the week, while 21 were below normal for cumulative precipitation since January 1. The largest precipitation for the week was 0.70 inches reported at Midwest. This was 0.35 inches above normal for the week and 0.13 inches above normal for total accumulation since January 1.

Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 11, 2010 ^{1/}

	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation			Since Jan 1 Precipitation	
	Hi	Lo	Avg	DFN	Total Inches	Normal Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN
District 1									
Cody	61	21	38	-5	0.00	0.21	-0.21	0.12	-1.44
Dubois	53	13	31	-4	0.16	0.21	-0.05	1.52	0.22
Greybull	61	20	41	-3	0.00	0.14	-0.14	0.57	-0.77
Jeffrey City	54	19	32	-6	0.49	0.28	0.21	2.34	0.28
Lake Yellowstone	54	12	31	-5	0.22	0.21	0.01	2.36	-0.57
Lander	56	24	37	-5	0.64	0.42	0.22	4.09	1.13
Powell	66	15	38	-4	0.00	0.07	-0.07	0.44	-0.28
Riverton	56	23	37	-6	0.60	0.16	0.44	2.32	1.34
Worland	63	19	40	-6	0.00	0.14	-0.14	0.63	-0.52
District 2									
Big Horn	67	22	38	-4	0.46	0.35	0.11	2.38	-0.51
Buffalo-Johnson	66	24	38	-5	0.10	0.31	-0.21	0.95	-1.09
Gillette	59	20	38	-4	0.11	0.45	-0.34	1.33	-1.41
Mid-West	56	24	38	-5	0.70	0.35	0.35	2.74	0.13
Newcastle	59	24	38	-5	0.51	0.31	0.20	2.30	0.04
Sheridan	67	20	39	-3	0.30	0.30	0.00	1.66	-0.55
Sundance	65	22	40	1	0.18	0.48	-0.30	2.56	-0.49
District 3									
Big Piney	52	11	31	-4	0.09	0.08	0.01	0.41	-1.12
Evanston	50	13	29	-8	0.52	0.24	0.28	2.11	-0.44
Jackson Hole	45	9	28	-5	0.38	0.28	0.10	4.31	-2.32
Thayne	48	6	27	-9	0.18	0.35	-0.17	4.04	-0.65
District 4									
Casper	57	21	37	-4	0.56	0.28	0.28	3.06	0.50
Laramie	57	22	36	2	0.03	0.21	-0.18	0.74	-1.22
Rawlins	54	20	34	-7	0.27	0.21	0.06	1.12	-0.94
Rock Springs	54	21	33	-5	0.12	0.21	-0.09	0.90	-1.34
Shirley Basin	52	15	29	-2	0.22	0.17	0.05	1.78	0.27
District 5									
Buford	56	21	35	2	0.19	0.35	-0.16	3.27	0.45
Cheyenne	61	25	41	3	0.11	0.31	-0.20	1.99	-0.42
Chugwater	60	26	41	2	0.32	0.28	0.04	3.20	0.60
Douglas	61	19	40	-2	0.07	0.31	-0.24	1.40	-0.65
Lance Creek	62	24	41	-3	0.45	0.34	0.11	1.74	-0.14
Old Fort Laramie	64	19	41	-3	0.28	0.37	-0.09	2.26	0.53
Torrington	64	21	45	2	0.28	0.33	-0.05	2.14	0.24
Wheatland	71	22	44	-2	0.22	0.28	-0.06	1.46	-0.09

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN=Departure from Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955